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IN THE ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE:

Applicants present the following Abstract to satisfy the requirements of 37 C.F.R. § 1.72(b) as required by the Examiner:

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

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A tracking/identification system uses tags reactive to incident laser beams to track the tags. Laser beams emanate from a laser base station to strike tags, which reflect the beams back to the base station. The system receives input from the base station and stores position and informational